

MONDAY MUSINGS

Good afternoon, everyone,

This issue of Monday Musings includes a strategic planning update, offerings from LOSDC, and other opportunities.

As always, I invite you to respond to me directly with questions or comments.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

Oversight Team Update | Mary Roach (chair) and Aileen Ball (co-chair):

The Strategic Plan Oversight Team's January 11 meeting was devoted to receiving the first formal progress updates from each of the Strategy Owners. These will be quarterly reports, with the next formal update scheduled for April. This week, SPOT's co-chairs will be meeting with members of the Libraries' Communication team to devise the best approach for adding these updates to the Libraries' [Strategic Plan](#) webpage. In addition to the forthcoming publication of those updates, a series of brief updates will be provided by strategy owners themselves in upcoming All-Staff meetings.

At the January 18 All-Staff meeting, Scott McEathron, as owner of strategy 2D, *Enhance capacity for data services, data management and e-research support*, will present an overview of a proposed model for digital data services that was devised through the combined efforts of project teams 2D.1 and 2D.4. Additionally, strategy co-owners Deb Ludwig and Lorraine Haricombe will present some highlights of the implementation of Strategy 2C, *Develop a robust and coordinated approach to scholarly publishing, scholarly communication and copyright services*, focusing particularly on Prioritized Action 2C.1 *Strengthen KU Libraries position as a national and international leader on scholarly communication*.

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LOSDC UPDATE

StrengthsFinder 2.0 books available for those interested in reading and taking the assessment. LOSDC will also be offering one-on-one opportunities to discuss results. Please contact Sharon Riley at smriley@ku.edu if you are interested in getting a StrengthsFinder book and taking the assessment.

Writing Wednesdays! Come join us in WAT 455 to work on writing strengths-based statements that can inform your annual evaluations and goals. This is a chance to work individually away from the distractions of your desk and focus on your evaluations. A completed strengths assessment is **not required** for this activity. Volunteers will be available to help with brainstorming, to run ideas by, and to offer tips for incorporating appreciative inquiry and using your strengths.

Tools that can aid you with your writing include:

- Goals from last year's evaluation
- The Professional Action Items section from your Strength Finder's Report, if applicable.
- Review your calendar (or saved e-mails) for the past year's work and accomplishments
- Bring a laptop or paper

Other helpful writing starters when looking at your goals and accomplishments are answering the following questions:

- What you have done in work that makes you feel strong
- What you have done you feel is exceptional or exceeds your last evaluation
- Describe two (or more) things you are grateful for in your work, about Libraries, or about KU, etc.

Contact Kim, Sharon, or Angie or [use this link](#) to sign up for a spot on one of the following Wednesdays in January:

Jan 16th from 11 to 12 in Watson 455
Jan 23rd from 1 to 2 pm in Watson 455
Jan 30th from 11 to 12 in Watson 455

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CADDY STACKS

The Lawrence Public Library will be holding its 4th Annual Caddy Stacks the weekend of February 22-24. This exciting fundraiser features 18 different mini golf holes developed by organizations across Lawrence. Last year, the KU Libraries created a hole where people had to putt through the iconic Watson window, bank through the Campanile, and into a cup surrounded by graduation memorabilia. The KU Libraries will be designing and building a hole again this year. If you are interested in helping with this project please contact Fran Devlin or Lars Leon by January 18.

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SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Tami Albin presented as part of a roundtable at the American Studies Association Conference in November. Her presentation was titled: The Talking Cure for Empire? Oral History and Testimonies in the Twenty-first Century.

Geoff Husic published "Tracking the History of Romani Publications: Challenges Presented by Flawed Data" (*Slavic & East European Information Resources*, Vol. 13, iss. 4 (Dec. 2012), pp. 230-234.

Angie Rathmal and Monica Claassen's paper about the Snyder Book Collecting Contest was published. You can view [the paper](#) and [the presentation](#) through Scholarworks.

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February 15 is Deadline for Final Cycle of Strategic Initiative Grant Proposals

Last spring, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Jeff Vitter announced the creation of a [Strategic Initiative Grant program](#). He also established the [Research Investment Council](#) to evaluate Level I grant proposals and recommend action.

The first cycle of Level I recipients was announced in August. The second cycle of proposals is currently under final review. **The deadline for the third and final cycle of the academic year is 5 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2013.**

Under the program, Level II proposals involve smaller amounts of money than Level I proposals, and can be submitted at any time for an immediate review and decision by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. Online application forms for both Level I and Level II proposals are available at <http://www.provost.ku.edu/sit-grant-program>.

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Reminder: KU Research Development Travel Fund Provides \$750 per Year

Off-campus travel for face-to-face meetings with potential funding agency officials can lead to future success in obtaining grants. For many years, the Research and Graduate Studies (RGS) has encouraged and supported such meetings by providing up to \$750 for an annual research development trip by any eligible faculty or staff member. The chief requirement is that the researcher must have a scheduled, focused meeting with one or more program officers to discuss the possibility of funding for a future sponsored project.

While most such trips are to and from Washington, D.C., the \$750 can also be used to meet with foundation officials wherever they are located. The funding does not apply to trips to professional meetings that potential sponsoring program officials might attend. Note that the Travel of Research Investigators to Potential Sponsors (TRIPS) program has been discontinued. The KU Research Development Travel Fund is more flexible and cost-effective, allowing for overnight travel and travel to locations other than Washington.

To apply for a grant of up to \$750, complete and submit the fillable online Faculty/Staff Research Development Travel Fund form at <http://www.rgs.ku.edu/funding/travel-fund.shtml>. The form can also be used to request a cash

travel advance, and will be used to report the results of the trip within 60 days of your return (along with the Travel Expense Report and appropriate receipts). Applications must be reviewed and approved by RGS before arrangements are finalized for a trip.

Applications can be mailed, e-mailed as a PDF, faxed, or delivered to: Michelle Ginavan Hayes, 147 Youngberg Hall, 2385 Irving Hill Road, Lawrence, KS 66045-7568, mginavan@ku.edu, FAX (785) 864-8128, phone (785) 864-7688.

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That's all for today! Have a great week, everyone.

Best,
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